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Quarter I - January-March, 1977

Data Summary Sheet

I. No Counties Detaining Status Offenders 33

II. Status Offenders

A. No. Held \*541

B. Proportion to All Offenders  
Held for Quarter -  $541 \div 1971 = 27.44\%$

C. Age Distribution

1.	<u>Age</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
	9	3	.55
	10	0	0
	11	9	1.66
	12	34	6.28
	13	63	11.65
	14	130	24.03
	15	152	28.1
	16	150	27.73
	TOTAL	541	100.00%

2. Mean Age - 14.51

D. Sex Distribution

	<u>No.</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1. Male	249	46.02%
2. Female	292	53.97%

E. Race Distribution

	<u>No.</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1. White	408	75.42%
2. Black	133	24.58%

F. Detention Time Range - 10 min. - 21 days

G. Detention Time Average - 39.64 hours

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\*Does not include 40 charged with combination of criminal and status offenses.



# H. Detention Time Frequencies

	<u>Time Span</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1.	Up to 6 hours	128	23.7
2.	Up to 12 hours	46	8.5
3.	Up to 18 hours	50	9.2
4.	Up to 24 hours	87	16.1
	SUBTOTAL	311	57.5%
5.	24 - 48 hours	89	16.5
6.	Over 48 hours	141	26.0
	SUBTOTAL	230	42.5%
	TOTAL	541	100.0%

## III. Status Offenses Distribution

	<u>No.</u>	<u>Percent</u>
A. Runaway	368	66.18
B. Incurrigible	129	23.2
C. Truancy	53	9.53
D. Other (Curfew Viol. & Liquor Poss.)	6	1.07
TOTAL	556	99.98%

## Analyzation of Data

The summary of data for this quarter indicates:

1. Thirty-three (33) of the 46 counties detained status offenders this quarter. In total numbers detained, Richland ranked first with almost 18% of the total status offenders, and Charleston, second with 11%, followed by Spartanburg, 10%, Horry, 7% and Lexington, 6%. These 5 counties also have consistently ranked at the top for numbers detained throughout 1976.
2. A total of 541 status offenders were detained this quarter or 27.44% of all offenders (1971) confined in jail. This proportion is consistent with figures for Quarter IV 1976 (27.4%) and the total year figure (27.9%). However, as compared to the figure for the same time frame last year (Quarter I 1976 (31.6%)) there appears to be a 4% decrease.

It must be emphasized that only offenders with a clear charge of status offense are recorded. Therefore, additional offenders of multiple criminal and status offenses or questionable charges such as "delinquency," "hold for R&E," "hold for the judge" are not counted in these distributions. Hence, it is apparent that the proportionate figures of status offenders are at best a conservative estimate with undoubtedly at least some of the unknown being also uncounted status offenders.



3. The age distribution varies little during this quarter as compared to last year's figures. The average for the year indicates 58.4% were age 15 and 16 while this quarter shows a small decrease for the same categories (55.8%). Age 14 reflects an approximate increase of 2% this quarter as compared to the total year's average. In comparison to Quarter I of 1976, this quarter indicates a 4% decrease in the combined 15- & 16-year-old categories and a 4.5% increase in the 14-year-old age group. The mean age for the quarter (14.51) has held constant both with that for total last year (14.54) and Quarter I 1976 (14.52).
4. The sex distribution for Quarter I 1977 indicates an approximate proportion of males of 46% and females of 54%. These figures reflect a decrease of about 2% males as compared to the total year 1976, and a 7.5% male decrease as compared to Quarter I 1976. The general trend in sex distribution for last year appeared to exhibit a consistent decrease in the proportion of males detained each quarter, although Quarter I of 1977 indicates a 3% increase as compared to Quarter IV of 1976.
5. The race distribution reflects an approximate 75% white and 25% black proportion for Quarter I 1977. These figures vary significantly from those of both total 1976 and each individual quarter of that year where the range varied only from 18-20% in the number of blacks detained. In general, a variance of approximately 6% increase in the number of blacks detained is noted for this quarter.
6. The detention time range for Quarter I 1977 of 10 min.-21 days shows a somewhat shortened time span from data for the previous year, where the longest lengths of stay for status offenders were 19, 28, 33 and 23 days, respectively, for the four quarters of 1976.
7. The detention time average for Quarter I 1977 was 39.64 hours, reflecting a dramatic decrease in average detention time for the state as a whole as compared to total year 1976 as well as any previous individual quarter (42.99, 44.37, 56.68 and 46.47 hours, respectively, each quarter and year average of 47.11 hours). As compared to Quarter I 1976, the decrease is the least notable (approximately 3 hours). Individual county comparisons may be analyzed by referring to each previous quarterly report.
8. The detention time frequencies indicate that approximately 57.5% of the status offenders were held under 24 hours and 42.5% over 24 hours. These figures are generally



consistent with those reflected for the total year 1976 (56% and 44%) as well as Quarter I 1976 (58% and 42%). Comparing only those held over 48 hours, Quarters I 1976 and 1977 both exhibit proportions of 26% and the total year 1976, 28%. It would appear, therefore, that a full consideration of the issue of how long youth are detained involving both the average detention time as well as time frequencies, indicates that while the average length of stay has decreased significantly, the proportions of those youth being held both over 24 and 48 hours remains constant.

9. The distribution of status offenses recorded for Quarter I 1977 reflects a 5% decreased proportion of Runaways (66.18%) as compared to total year 1976 (71.64%) and an almost 4% decrease as compared to Quarter I 1976. In-correctible for Quarter I 1977 accounted for 23.2% of the status offenses, compared to a total year 1976 rate of about 18%, and Quarter I 1976 rate of 21%. Truancy at a rate of 9.53% for the quarter compares to the total year 1976 rate of 8.27% and Quarter I 1976 of 9.17%. This data would appear to indicate that generally the higher runaway rate during the summer months contributes to the increased rate for these offenses on a total year base as opposed to that for this particular quarter. However, this does not account for the 4% decrease between the same quarters of 1976 and 1977 and the higher rate (2.2%) of Incorrigibles for the 1977 quarter. Truancy offenses remained generally constant. A full year's data for 1977 should provide a better base for comparisons.

In summary, the data on status offenders in detention continues, for the most part, to reflect trends consistent with previous compilations. Little variation is noted with regard to proportion of status offenders to total offenders held in detention, the counties who confine the highest numbers of offenders, the age distribution, the detention time range, the detention time frequencies or distribution of offenses. Some changes are visible as to a pattern toward gradually incarcerating a greater proportion of females, and definitely of more blacks being held. The greatest variation exhibited is the decrease in the detention time average, although this same trend is not consistent with the apparent persevering uniformity of proportion of youth held over 24 and 48 hours. The impact of the Youth Bureau jail watch programs as a contributing factor in these areas should warrant continued evaluation.

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Quarter I - Jan-Mar 1977

STATUS OFFENDERS

County	AGE									RACE & SEX				No. Offenders	No. Offenses				Tot.	Average	DETENTION TIME (HOURS) (unless otherwise designated)							Total
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Tot.	W/M	W/F	B/M	B/F		Ru	In	Tr	Oth			Range	Up to				Over 48		
																						6	12	18	24		48	
Abbeville	None Detained																											
Aiken*	0	0	0	2	0	2	5	5	14	4	8	2	0	14	8	6	0	0	14	43.21	1.5-10days	4	2	1	3	0	4	14
Allendale	None Detained																											
Anderson*	0	0	0	3	4	10	6	5	28	7	18	1	2	28	26	0	0	2	28	43.85	4-120	8	0	0	7	5	8	28
Bamberg	None Detained																											
Barnwell	None Detained																											
Beaufort*	0	0	0	3	0	4	1	3	11	5	4	2	0	11	8	3	0	0	11	29.33	.5-91.6	2	1	2	2	1	3	11
Berkeley*	0	0	0	1	2	9	6	5	23	5	17	1	0	23	21	3	0	0	24**	47.82	4-120	5	0	0	7	5	6	23
Calhoun	See Orangeburg-Calhoun																											
Charleston*	0	0	5	2	5	18	14	15	59	15	28	3	13	59	42	18	7	0	67**	73.7	2.08-12days	2	6	5	8	7	31	59
Cherokee	None Detained																											
Chester	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	4	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	
Chesterfield	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	27.75	17.7-37.7	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
Clarendon	0	0	0	0	3	2	3	2	10	5	5	0	0	10	10	0	0	0	10	48.52	14.5-129.05	0	0	5	0	0	5	10
Colleton	0	0	0	0	2	4	2	2	10	1	4	4	1	10	8	0	2	0	10	89.15	3-15.2days	2	0	0	0	3	5	10
Darlington	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	3	7	3	1	3	0	7	3	4	0	0	7	27.25	5.6-68.1	2	1	0	1	2	1	7
Dillon	0	0	0	1	1	7	2	0	11	6	3	1	1	11	7	0	4	0	11	42.02	27.7-70.3	0	0	0	0	6	5	11
Dorchester	0	0	0	2	0	9	2	4	17	5	8	1	3	17	12	6	1	0	19**	66.6	4-192	1	0	0	6	3	7	17
Edgefield	None Detained																											
Fairfield	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	72	72	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Florence	0	0	0	2	1	3	11	8	25	7	15	0	3	25	24	1	0	0	25	29.13	10min-118.8	3	3	2	7	6	4	25
Georgetown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	65	65	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Greenville	0	0	0	2	1	0	5	3	11	2	8	1	0	11	10	1	0	0	11	61.33	9.5-15.3days	0	1	2	3	3	2	11
Greenwood*	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	6	2	1	1	2	6	5	1	0	0	6	93.66	18-202	0	0	1	1	1	3	6
Hampton	None Detained																											
Horry*	0	0	0	0	5	8	15	10	38	18	20	0	0	38	37	1	0	0	38	19.94	.62-69.25	10	3	6	8	7	4	38
Jasper	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	4	1	3	0	0	4	2	2	0	0	4	84	48-96	0	0	0	0	1	3	4
Kershaw	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	2	7	1	6	0	0	7	5	2	0	0	7	61.8	.7-8.9days	2	1	0	0	1	3	7



STATUS OFFENDERS IN JAIL DETENTION

Quarter II - April-June, 1977

Data Summary Sheet

I. No Counties Detaining Status Offenders 37

II. Status Offenders

A. Number Held \*711

B. Proportion to All Offenders  
Held for Quarter -  $711 \div 2227$ (updated) 31.92%

C. Age Distribution

1.	<u>Age</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
	10 & under	8	1.2
	11	13	1.8
	12	29	4.0
	13	103	14.5
	14	165	23.2
	15	199	28.0
	16	194	27.3
	Total	711	100.00%

2. Mean Age - 14.49

D. Sex Distribution

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1. Male	329	46.3
2. Female	382	53.7

E. Race Distribution

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1. White	571	80.3
2. Black	140	19.7

F. Detention Time Range - 5 min. to 27 days

G. Detention Time Average - 40.58 hours

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\*Does not include 44 charged with combination of criminal and status offenses.



### H. Detention Time Frequencies

	<u>Time Span</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1.	Up to 6 hours	185	26.7
2.	Up to 12 hours	53	7.7
3.	Up to 18 hours	47	6.8
4.	Up to 24 hours	118	17.1
	Subtotal	403	58.3
5.	24 - 48 hours	129	18.6
6.	Over 48 hours	160	23.1
	Subtotal	289	41.7
	TOTAL	692	100.0
	(19 unknown)		

### III. Status Offenses Distributions

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
A. Runaway	512	69.8
B. Incurigible	113	15.4
C. Truancy	59	8.0
D. Other (Curfew Viol.	24	3.3
Liquor Poss.)	26	3.5
Total	734	100.00

### ANALYZATION OF DATA

The summary of data for this quarter indicates:

- (1) Thirty-seven (37) of the 46 counties detained status offenders this quarter. In total numbers detained, Richland ranked first with almost 15% of the total status offenders and Horry second, with 12.7%; followed by Charleston, 8.7%; Lexington 6.6%; and Spartanburg 6%. These five counties have consistently ranked at the top for numbers detained throughout 1976 as well as Quarter I, 1977.
- (2) A total of 711 status offenders were detained this quarter or 31.9% of all offenders (2,227) confined in jail. This proportion is not only inconsistent with figures both for Quarter I, 1977 (27.4%) and the total year 1976 figure (27.9%) reflecting a 4 to 4.5% increased rate, but as compared to the figure for the same time frame last year (Quarter II, 1976) there appears to be a 3.5% increase. On a six-month summary for 1977, however, 1252 status offenders have been confined in jail or 29.8% of all offenders as compared to the approximate same proportion (30%) for the same time frame in 1976.

It must be emphasized that only offenders with a clear charge of status offense are recorded. Therefore, additional offenders of multiple criminal and status offenses or questionable charges such as "delinquency," "hold for R&E," "hold for the judge" are not counted in these distributions. Hence, it is apparent that the proportionate figures of status offenders



are at best a conservative estimate with undoubtedly at least some of the unknown being also uncouneted status offenders.

- (3) The age distribution varied little during this quarter as compared to last quarter's figures. The average for the six months indicates 55.5% were ages 15 and 16. This is compared to an approximate 58% proportion for this same two-quarter time frame last year as well as for the total year 1976. Therefore, it would appear that so far there is an approximate 3% decrease in these age groups, accompanied by a substantial increase in the 13 or 14 year old age grouping. (2% between Quarters I and II, 1977 - 4.3% between Quarter II, 1977 over Quarter II, 1976 and approximate 4% increase between the six-month time frames for both years.) In comparison with figures noted on total jail detention, it is apparent that for this quarter of 1977, there are 7% less status offenders in the 15 and 16 year age groups as compared to total detention, while the 13 and 14 year age groups reflect an almost 8% higher rate. The mean age remains almost constant (14.49), decreasing only .02% from last quarter, and .06% from total 1976. The average age for total detention is 14.62.
- (4) The sex distribution for Quarter II, 1977 indicates an approximate proportion of 46% males and 54% females. These figures are consistent with those indicated for the previous quarter, but as compared to total year 1976, reflect a 2% decrease in males and for the same quarter last year a 1% decline. The six-month figures for this year indicate a 4% decrease in the male rate when compared to the same time frame for last year. Compared to total juvenile detention for this quarter, female status offenders are confined almost 1 3/4 as often (54% as compared to 31%).
- (5) The race distribution reflects an approximate 80% white and 20% black proportion for Quarter II, 1977. While these figures represent a black proportional decrease of 5% over the previous quarter, these figures are quite consistent with those of total year 1976 and each individual quarter of that year, where the range varied only from 18 to 20% in blacks detained. For the six month period of this year, the white - black proportion of 78 - 22 is only slightly decreased from last year for the same time frame of 80 - 20. In comparison to total detention, where the proportion has remained fairly consistent of 65% white and 35% black, it is apparent that there is an increased rate of about 15% for white status offenders.
- (6) The detention time range for Quarter II, 1977 of 5 minutes to 27 days shows approximately the same time spans as previously noted from other quarterly reports.
- (7) The detention time average for Quarter II, 1977 was 40.58 hours, reflecting a slight increase in average detention time for the state as a whole as compared to last quarter's time of 39.64. However, this still represents a decrease



over any time period last year and when comparing the six-month period of this year (40.16) to the same six-month period last year (43.68) indicates a 3.5 decrease in average detention time. A more significant decrease in the detention time average was noted for total detention this quarter (37.85 hours) with a decline between the first two quarters of 1977 by almost 7 hours. That average time of 37.85 for Quarter II is several hours lower than that noted for status offenders. For Quarter II, 1977 the following counties recorded detention time averages for status offenders over 48 hours:

Aiken	48.65	Florence	59.2
Berkeley	70.75	Greenwood	64.2
Charleston	85.43	Jasper	57.2
Colleton	79.73	Lexington	58.5
Darlington	69.62	Spartanburg	51.5

Of these counties, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Greenwood and Lexington have been consistent in these lengthy averages during the previous year and one-half of recording.

- (8) The detention time frequencies indicate that approximately 58.3% of the status offenders were held under 24 hours and 41.7% over 24 hours. These figures are generally consistent with those reflected for the previous quarter (57.5% and 42.5%) as well as Quarter II, 1976 and total year 1976 (56% and 44% for both). On a six-month time frame, the first two quarters of 1977 indicate that 42% of the status offenders were held over 24 hours as compared to 43% for the same time frame of 1976. Comparing only those held over 48 hours, the 23% proportion for Quarter II, 1977 reflects a slight decrease over the 26% figure for the previous quarter as well as for both Quarter II 1976 and total year 1976 figures of 28%. On a six-month time frame, the first two quarters of 1977 indicate a 3% decrease in the proportion of status offenders held over 48 hours as compared to the same time frame for 1976. Total juvenile jail detention for Quarter II, 1977 reflects a 35% proportion totally of offenders who are held over 24 hours with 20% being held over 48 hours.
- (9) The distribution of status offenses reported for Quarter II, 1977 reflects about a 4% increased proportion of runaways (69.8%) as compared to the previous quarter (66.18%), Quarter II, 1976 and total year 1976 indicating an approximate 71% rate. Therefore, the runaway proportion for the first two quarters in 1977 (68%) has decreased from the same time frame last year approximately 2%. While the proportion of incorrigibles shifted about 8% lower in Quarter II 1977 as opposed to the previous quarter, the rate for the six-month period is consistent with the same time frame last year. Truancy also remains fairly constant in proportion.



Generally the higher runaway rate during the summer months contributes to the increased rates of these offenders on a total year base as opposed to that for there particular quarters, and the next quarter's report should reflect this variable if the pattern remains consistent.

#### SUMMARY

The data on status offenders in jail detention continues, for the most part, to reflect trends fairly consistent with previous compilations. While this quarter's data exhibits some marked discrepancies in regard to previous quarters on an overall six-month base in comparison, little variation is noted with regard to the proportion of status offenders to total offenders held in detention, the counties which confined the highest numbers of offenders, the age distribution, the detention time range, the detention time frequencies or distribution of offenses.

This quarter noted the highest proportion ever of status offenders who were held in jail, although the combined two six-month periods of this year and last year do not reflect that same facet since Quarter I, 1976 also exhibited a relatively high proportion in status offenders.

Some trends which have been apparent are continuing, such as the consistent slow decrease in the 15 and 16 year old age group accompanied by a higher proportion in the 13 and 14 year old age group. In comparing the age of status offenders to all of those held in juvenile jail detention, it would seem that the status offender is considerably younger on the whole, since the figures for overall jail detention show 62% in the 15 and 16 year old age groups and only 55% in status offenders. The Mean Age for status offenders is also slightly lower.

There is also a trend toward more female status offenders being incarcerated and over the last year and a half there has been an increase of about 4% in that regard. Further, when comparing the sex distributions of status offenders and all of those held in jail detention, it is apparent that the female status offender is held about 1 3/4 more often than than all females who are held in jail detention.

The race distributions have shown little variation, as far as status offenders are concerned over the last year and one-half. However, in comparison with all juveniles held in jail detention, there is a noticeable 15% heightened rate in the white proportion who are held purely on status offenses as opposed to total detention.

Regarding detention time averages, there appears to be an emerging indication of a lowered average length of stay, although this trend is not as marked as has been noted the last two previous quarters for total juvenile jail detention. Detention time frequencies, in considering those who are held over 24 and 48 hours, also has begun to show a slight decrease with a more notable decline taking



place particularly in those held over 48 hours. (1% all over 24 hours and 3% only over 48 hours.) The decline in detention time frequencies over 24 hours is still more marked in overall juvenile jail detention with status offenders still being held a somewhat longer period of time as well as more often over 24 hours.

The distribution of offenses also remains fairly constant with runaways continuing to account for the vast majority, and incorrigibility and truancy remaining fairly constant.

A full years' data for 1977 should provide a wider scope for comparison between these two years and indicate further whether some of the emerging apparent trends this year are indeed consistent patterns. Particularly revealing should be careful observation of both average detention time as well as time frequencies for a full consideration of the issue of how long youth are detained in jails.



Quarter II - April-June 1977

STATUS OFFENDERS

County	AGE									RACE & SEX					No. Offenders	No. Offenses					DETENTION TIME (HOURS) (unless otherwise designated)										Total
	9& under	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Tot.	W/M	W/F	B/M	B/F	Ru		In	Tr	Oth	Tot.	Average	Range	Up to					Over 48				
																						6	12	18	24	48					
Abbeville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	36	36	0	0	0	0	1	0	1			
Allendale	None Detained																										0				
+ Aiken	0	0	0	2	5	5	8	9	29	11	15	1	2	29	24	9	0	0	33	48.65	2.2-192	2	1	7	5	4	10	29			
Anderson	0	0	0	0	7	15	6	1	29	13	15	0	1	29	29	0	0	0	29	30.89	4-216	8	0	0	15	4	2	29			
Bamberg	None Detained																										0				
Barnwell	None Detained																										0				
Beaufort	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	3	11	5	6	0	0	11	7	1	0	*3	11	10.26	2.58-29	5	2	2	1	1	0	11			
+ Berkeley	0	0	0	1	5	11	7	8	32	4	28	0	0	32	26	8	5	0	39	70.75	4-144	2	0	0	10	2	18	32			
Calhoun	See Orangeburg-Calhoun																										0				
+ Charleston	1	2	1	1	9	11	19	17	62	22	30	3	7	62	50	19	1	0	70	85.43	1.5-27 days	6	1	3	6	12	34	62			
Cherokee	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	48	48	0	0	0	0	1	0	1			
Chester	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	2	8	5	1	2	0	8	6	1	1	0	8	11.5	4-24	5	0	0	3	0	0	8			
Chesterfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	5	2	1	2	0	5	2	0	0	*3	5	13.6	1-32.7	1	3	0	0	1	0	5			
Clarendon	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	4	12	5	6	0	1	12	12	0	0	0	12	16.07	3-34.75	1	6	0	1	4	0	12			
Colleton	0	0	0	3	4	3	4	0	14	4	1	8	1	14	11	0	3	0	14	79.73	4-182.5	1	2	0	1	3	7	14			
Darlington	0	0	0	0	4	9	1	6	20	1	6	9	4	20	6	11	3	0	20	69.62	.83-18.8days	2	2	3	3	3	7	20			
Dillon	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	3	10	5	4	0	1	10	7	3	0	0	10	20.2	1.25-46.75	3	0	2	3	2	0	10			
Dorchester	0	0	0	1	0	5	6	15	27	6	19	1	1	27	23	4	0	0	27	44.59	4-144	7	0	0	4	9	7	27			
Edgefield	Never Detained																										0				
Fairfield	None Detained																										0				
Florence	0	0	0	0	2	7	10	9	28	19	7	0	2	28	27	1	0	0	28	59.2	.5-26 days	5	1	2	6	5	9	28			
Georgetown	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	29	12-46	0	1	0	0	1	0	2			
Greenville	0	0	1	2	4	4	6	2	19	8	10	0	1	19	18	1	0	0	19	28.8	.9-129.3	5	2	4	2	2	4	19			
Greenwood	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	5	3	2	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	5	64.2	21.75-116.75	0	0	0	2	1	2	5			
Hampton	None Detained																										0				
Horry	0	0	1	1	4	18	29	37	90	43	47	0	0	90	72	0	0	*18	90	21.59	.25-120.22	35	12	8	8	15	12	90			
Jasper	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	8	13	4	9	0	0	13	13	0	0	0	13	57.23	48-120	0	0	0	0	11	2	13			
+ Kershaw	0	0	0	0	2	4	7	6	19	10	9	0	0	19	13	3	3	*1	20	24.03	1.92-69.25	6	1	0	4	6	2	19			



Quarter II - April-June 1977

STATUS OFFENDERS

County	AGE									RACE & SEX				No. Offenders	No. Offenses					DETENTION TIME (Hours) (unless otherwise designated)										Total
	9 & under	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Tot.	W/M	W/F	B/M	B/F		Ru	In	Tr	Oth	Tot.	Average	Range	Up to					Over 48			
																						6	12	18	24	48				
Lancaster	0	0	0	0	6	8	4	3	21	4	14	0	3	21	21	0	0	0	21	22.85	4-72	6	0	0	13	0	2	21		
Laurens	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	3	3.94	2-7.83	2	1	0	0	0	0	3		
Lee	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	32	32	0	0	0	0	2	0	2		
Lexington	0	0	5	4	10	8	9	11	47	21	21	2	3	47	32	15	0	0	47	58.47	5min-13.85days	3	3	3	8	12	16	45(2 unk)		
Marion	None Detained																													
Marlboro	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	5	3	1	0	1	5	3	2	0	0	5	8.83	5.5-11	1	2	0	0	0	0	3(2 unk)		
McCormick	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	4	0	4	0	0	4	3	0	0	**1	4	47.5	4-96	1	0	1	0	0	2	4		
Newberry	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	4.42	3.58-5.25	2	0	0	0	0	0	2		
Oconee	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	10	3.42-16.58	1	0	1	0	0	0	2		
+ Orangeburg	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	1	0	0	2	3	3	1	0	0	4	18.67	4-48	2	0	0	0	1	0	3		
Pickens	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	5	5	0	0	0	5	4	1	0	0	5	32.7	1-121	2	1	0	0	1	1	5		
+ Richland	1	1	5	7	20	20	31	20	105	14	24	44	23	105	27	14	43	**23	107	13.68	5min-143.5	53	7	.6	10	9	5	90(15unk)		
Saluda	None Detained																													
Spartanburg	0	0	0	0	4	7	19	12	42	20	20	1	1	42	35	7	0	0	42	51.53	.83-208.5	8	3	0	10	8	13	42		
Sumter	0	0	0	3	6	7	2	3	21	2	8	5	6	21	10	11	0	0	21	33.56	1.5-192.67	2	2	5	2	7	3	21		
Union	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	2	34.25	5-63.5	1	0	0	0	0	1	2		
Williamsburg	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	2	27.88	18.92-36.83	0	0	0	1	1	0	2		
York	1	0	0	0	1	2	2	2	8	4	3	0	1	8	7	0	0	*1	8	18.25	4-118	7	0	0	0	0	1	8		
TOTALS	4	4	13	29	103	165	199	194	711	251	320	78	62	711	512	113	59	*50	734	40.58	5min-27days	185	53	47	118	129	160	692(19unk)		

+ Multiple Status Offenses

\* Possession of Liquor

\*\* Curfew Violations

x 24 Curfew Violations  
26 Possession of Liquor



STATUS OFFENDERS IN JAIL DETENTION

Quarter III - July-September, 1977

Data Summary Sheet

I. No. Counties Detaining Status Offenders 33

II. Status Offenders

A. Number Held 433  
B. Proportion to All Offenders  
Held for Quarter -  $433 \div 1872$  (updated) 23.1%  
C. Age Distribution

1. Age	Number	Percent
10 & under	1	.2
11	4	.9
12	19	4.4
13	62	14.3
14	95	21.9
15	130	30.0
16	122	28.2
TOTAL	433	99.9%

2. Mean Age - 14.59

D. Sex Distribution

	Number	Percent
1. Male	192	44.3
2. Female	241	55.7

E. Race Distribution

	Number	Percent
1. White	346	79.9
2. Black	87	20.1

F. Detention Time Range - 15 min. to 13.5 days

G. Detention Time Average - 32.14 hours

H. Detention Time Frequencies

Time Span	Number	Percent
1. Up to 6 hours	115	26.9
2. Up to 12 hours	54	12.6
3. Up to 18 hours	50	11.7
4. Up to 24 hours	65	15.2
SUBTOTAL	284	66.4%
5. 24 - 48 hours	73	17.1
6. Over 48 hours	70	16.4
SUBTOTAL	143	33.5%
TOTAL	427	99.9%

(6 unknown)



### III. Status Offenses Distributions

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
A. Runaway	302	68.9
B. Incurrigible	74	16.9
C. Truancy	16	3.7
D. Curfew Violation	32	7.3
E. Liquor Possession	14	3.2
TOTAL	438	100.0%

### ANALYZATION OF DATA

The summary of data for this quarter indicates:

- (1) Thirty-three (33) of the 46 counties detained status offenders this quarter. In total numbers detained, Richland ranked first with over 18% of the total status offenders followed by Lexington with 11%, and Horry with 10%. It is notable that Charleston, which has previously consistently ranked high in status offender detention, only detained 13 youth or 3% of the total as a result of new court policies eliminating this practice in most cases.
- (2) A total of 433 status offenders were detained this quarter or 23.1% of all offenders (1,872) confined in jail. This proportion of status offenders held reveals a dramatic decrease of almost 9% from the previous quarter, and a 5% decrease from base line figures for total year 1976. Compared to the same time frame for 1976, however, this proportion is only 1% lower, since the pattern for this quarter of summer months typically reflects a decrease. On a 9-month summary for 1977, 1685 status offenders have been reported to have been confined or 27.7% of all offenders as compared to the approximate same proportion (28.1%) for the same time frame in 1976.

It must be emphasized that only offenders with a clear charge of status offense are recorded. Therefore, additional offenders of multiple criminal and status offenses or questionable charges such as "delinquency," "hold for R&E," "hold for the judge" are not counted in these distributions. Hence, it is apparent that the proportionate figures of status offenders are at best a conservative estimate with undoubtedly at least some of the unknown being also uncounted status offenders.

- (3) The age distribution varied little during this quarter as compared to last quarter's figures, although only 5 children under the age of 12 were reported detained. The average for the nine months indicates 56.2% were ages 15 and 16. This is compared to an approximate 59% proportion for this same three-quarter time frame last year as well as for the total year 1976. Therefore, it would appear that so far there is an approximate 2% decrease in these age groups. In comparison with figures noted on total jail detention, it is apparent that for this quarter of 1977, there are 7% less status offenders in the 15 and 16 year age groups as compared to total detention, while the 13 and 14 year age groups reflect a 9% higher rate. The mean age remains almost constant (14.59), increasing only .10% from last quarter. The average age for total detention is 14.64.



- (4) The sex distribution for Quarter III, 1977 indicates an approximate proportion of 44% males and 56% females. These figures reveal a 2% decrease in the male rate from the previous quarter, and as compared to total year 1976, reflect a 4% decrease in males as well as for the same quarter last year. The nine-month figures for this year indicate a 4% decrease in the male rate when compared to the same time frame for last year. Compared to total juvenile detention for this quarter, female status offenders are confined over twice as often (56% as compared to 27%).
- (5) The race distribution reflects an approximate 80% white and 20% black proportion for Quarter III, 1977. These figures continue to be consistent with those of total year 1976 and each individual quarter of that year, where the range varied only from 18 to 20% in blacks detained. In comparison to total detention, where the proportion has remained fairly consistent of 65% white and 35% black, it is apparent that there is an increased rate of about 15% for white status offenders.
- (6) The detention time range for Quarter III, 1977 of 5 minutes to 13.5 days exhibits a marked reduction in time span from those previously noted in other quarterly reports.
- (7) The detention time average for Quarter III, 1977 was 32.14 hours, reflecting a vast decrease in average detention time for the state as a whole as compared to last quarter's time of 40.58. This also represents a decrease over any time period last year and when comparing the nine-month period of this year (38.1) to the same nine-month period last year (47.3) indicates a 9 hour decrease in average detention time. A significant decrease in the detention time average also was noted for total detention this quarter (34.6 hours) with a continuing decline between the quarters of 1977. The average time of 34.6 for Quarter III is about 2 hours higher than that noted for status offenders. For Quarter III, 1977, only the following 7 counties recorded detention time averages for status offenders over 48 hours:

Berkeley	60.9	Jasper	77.8
Charleston	99.87	Laurens	49.2
Florence	59.27	Marlboro	69.4
Georgetown	94.0		

However, these counties do not account for a significant number of status offenders held (66 or 15%).

- (8) The detention time frequencies indicate that approximately 66.5% of the status offenders were held under 24 hours and 33.5% over 24 hours. These figures reflect an 8% decrease from the previous quarter in the proportion of status offenders held over 24 hours. Since prior to this quarter the proportions had been consistent, this variance is highly significant, particularly coupled with the marked decrease in the detention time average. On a nine-month time frame, the first three quarters of 1977 indicate that 39.8% of the status offenders were held over 24 hours as compared to 43.8% for the same time frame of 1976 or a 4% decline. Comparing only those held over 48 hours, the 16% proportion for Quarter III, 1977 reflects a 7% decrease over the 23%



figure for the previous quarter as well as almost half the proportion for Quarter III 1976 (31.4%) and total year 1976 figures of 28%. On a nine-month time frame, the first three quarters of 1977 indicate a 22% proportion of status offenders held over 48 hours or a 6.5% decrease as compared to the same time frame for 1976 (28.5%). Total juvenile jail detention for Quarter III, 1977 reflects a similar pattern to that of status offenders in that 31% were held over 24 hours with 17% being held over 48 hours.

- (9) The distribution of status offenses reported for Quarter III, 1977 reflects about the same proportion of runaways (68.9%) as compared to the previous quarter (69.8%), Quarter III, 1976 indicating an approximate 75% rate and total year 1976, 71%. Therefore, the runaway proportion for the first three quarters in 1977 (68%) has decreased from the same time frame last year by approximately 3.2%. While the proportion of incorrigibles increased slightly for Quarter III, 1977 as opposed to the previous quarter, the rate for the nine-month period (18%) is consistent with the same time frame last year. The truancy rate over the 9-month time frame, although much lower for this quarter during the summer months, also remains fairly constant in proportion.

#### SUMMARY

While the data on status offenders in jail detention continues to reflect trends fairly consistent with previous compilations with regard to the age, sex, race and offense distribution, marked differences are now being noted in the proportion of status offenders to total offenders held in detention, and in the areas involving the detention time, particularly the average time and the frequency distributions.

This quarter noted the lowest proportion ever of status offenders who were held in jail, a proportionate decrease of 9% from the previous quarter, 5% lower than 1976 total year, and 1% lower than Quarter III, 1976.

Some trends which have been apparent are continuing, such as the consistent slow decrease in the 15- and 16-year-old age group accompanied by a higher proportion in the 13- and 14-year-old age group. In comparing the age of status offenders to all of those held in juvenile jail detention, it would seem that the status offender is considerably younger on the whole, since the figures for overall jail detention show 64% in the 15- and 16-year-old age groups and only 58% in status offenders. Also, it should be noted that for this quarter, only 5 children under age 12 were reported detained.

There is also a continued trend toward more female status offenders being incarcerated with an overall increase since 1976 of about 4% in that regard. Further, when comparing the sex distributions of status offenders and all of those held in jail detention, it is apparent that the female status offender is being held over twice as often than all females who are held in jail detention.



The race distributions have shown little variation, as far as status offenders are concerned over the last one and one-half ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ) years. However, in comparison with all juveniles held in jail detention, there is a noticeable 15% heightened rate in the white proportion who are held purely on status offenses as opposed to total detention.

Detention time averages appear to be vastly decreasing, a trend which has been noted the two previous quarters for total juvenile jail detention as well. As a matter of fact, the detention average for status offenders was lower this quarter than that of all offenders (32.14 & 34.6). Detention time frequencies, in considering those who are held over 24 and 48 hours, also has shown a significant decrease with a more notable decline taking place particularly in those held over 48 hours (6-8% decrease over any comparable quarter or year). For this quarter, a similar proportion is noted for total offenders as well.

The distribution of offenses also remains fairly constant with runaways continuing to account for the vast majority, and incorrigibility and truancy remaining fairly constant.

Particular attention will continue to be paid to the detention time averages and frequencies over 24 hours in order to assess consistency of patterns of significant decline in these areas.



STATUS OFFENDERS  
JUVENILE DETENTION QUARTERLY REPORT

Quarter III - July-Sept. 1977

County	AGE									RACE & SEX				DETENTION TIME (HOURS) (unless otherwise designated)															
	9&													No. Offenses							Up to			24-		over		Total	
	Un	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Tot.	W/M	W/F	B/M	B/F	Ru	In	Tr	CV	PL	Tot.	Average	Range	6	12	18	24	48	48		
Abbeville	None Detained																												
Aiken	0	0	0	0	2	8	1	3	14	6	7	1	0	8	6	0	0	0	14	20.45	.25-69.58	3	1	4	0	2	1	11	
Allendale	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	4	21.18	3.32-31.08	1	0	0	1	2	0	4	
Anderson	0	0	0	2	4	3	9	8	26	7	18	1	0	25	0	0	0	1	26	25.84	4-144	12	0	0	10	2	2	26	
Bamberg	None Detained																												
Barnwell	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	4	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	
Beaufort	0	0	0	0	2	2	3	6	13	1	7	1	4	11	1	0	0	1	13	24.44	.92-65	2	3	1	2	4	1	13	
Berkeley	0	0	0	0	2	5	9	6	22	8	13	1	0	20	2	0	0	0	22	60.9	4-9 days	5	0	0	3	7	7	22	
Calhoun	See Orangeburg-Calhoun																												
Charleston	0	0	0	1	2	5	1	4	13	5	6	1	1	8	5	0	0	0	13	99.87	.83-12.5days	2	0	0	2	2	6	12	
Cherokee	None Detained																												
Chester	0	0	0	2	1	0	4	1	8	4	3	0	1	6	1	0	0	1	8	47	4-168	4	0	0	2	0	2	8	
Chesterfield	0	0	0	0	1	2	6	1	10	1	9	0	0	9	1	0	0	0	10	17.8	1.5-31.5	1	1	4	3	1	0	10	
Clarendon	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	5	3	2	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	31.15	3.5-49.6	2	0	0	0	0	3	5	
Colleton	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	6	4	1	1	0	3	1	1	1	0	6	37.83	2.25-90.1	1	0	1	1	1	2	6	
Darlington	0	0	0	0	3	2	2	2	9	1	5	2	1	2	7	0	0	0	9	28.26	11.23-62.17	0	1	1	2	4	1	9	
Dillon	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	3	47.94	17.42-97.84	0	0	1	0	1	1	3	
Dorchester	0	0	0	0	2	2	3	4	11	3	8	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	11	32	4-120	4	0	0	5	0	2	11	
Edgefield	Never Detained																												
Fairfield	None Detained																												
Florence	0	0	1	0	2	3	4	3	13	4	8	1	0	12	1	0	0	0	13	59.27	1.4-8.9days	2	0	1	1	4	5	13	
Georgetown	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	94	13.86-7.25da.	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	
Greenville	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	6	1	4	0	1	5	1	0	0	0	6	20.1	8-33.1	0	2	1	0	3	0	6	
Greenwood	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	3	7	3	4	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	7	40.3	3.5-71.25	1	0	0	0	5	1	7	
Hampton	None Detained																												
Horry	0	1	1	1	2	8	15	16	44	19	23	2	0	38	1	0	0	5	44	27.4	.25-13.5	11	16	6	2	4	5	44	
Jasper	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	4	9	1	8	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	9	77.8	4-144	1	0	0	0	2	6	9	
Kershaw	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	6	1	2	1	2	4	1	0	0	1	6	22.6	4-66	1	2	1	0	1	1	6	



STATUS OFFENDERS  
JUVENILE DETENTION QUARTERLY REPORT

Quarter III - July-Sept. 1977

County	9& Un	AGE								RACE & SEX				Ru	No. Offenses					Tot.	Average	Range	DETENTION TIME (HOURS) (unless otherwise designated)								Total
		10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Tot.	W/M	W/F	B/M	B/F		In	Tr	CV	PL	Up to				24- 48	over 48							
																			6						12	18	24				
Lancaster	0	0	1	0	1	3	4	3	12	7	3	2	0	7	5	0	0	0	12	31.3	4-120	4	0	0	5	1	2	12			
Laurens	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	5	2	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	5	49.2	1-96	2	0	0	0	1	2	5			
Lee	None Detained																														
Lexington	0	0	0	1	9	11	17	10	48	16	28	3	1	36	11	0	2	0	49	35.54	.7-6.9days	5	2	7	8	16	10	48			
McCormick	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	3	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	24	24	0	0	0	3	0	0	3			
Marion	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	23.75	23.5-24	0	0	0	2	0	0	2			
Marlboro	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	69.4	21.9-116.9	0	0	0	1	0	1	2			
Newberry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	.67	.67	1	0	0	0	0	0	.1			
Oconee	None Detained																														
Orangeburg	None Detained																														
Pickens	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	13.25	13.25	0	0	1	0	0	0	1			
Richland	0	0	0	7	11	20	24	18	80	27	17	25	11	33	5	15	27	1	81	16.97	.25-8.96days	39	16	9	4	6	5	79 (1unk)			
Saluda	None Detained																														
Spartanburg	0	0	0	0	1	9	4	5	19	6	12	1	0	17	4	0	0	1	22	17.58	1.15-61.33	5	2	4	4	2	1	18 (1unk)			
Sumter	0	0	0	2	4	2	7	5	20	2	3	5	10	7	13	0	0	0	20	19.9	5.2-106	1	7	7	3	1	1	20			
Union	None Detained																														
Williamsburg	None Detained																														
York	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	3	7	3	4	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	7	19.07	2.5-55	3	1	0	1	1	1	7			
TOTAL	0	1	4	19	62	95	130	122	433	141	205	51	36	302	74	16	32	14	438	32.14	.25-13.5days	115	54	50	65	73	70	427 (6unk)			



# STATUS OFFENDERS IN JAIL DETENTION

Quarter IV - October-December, 1977

## Data Summary Sheet

I. No. Counties Detaining Status Offenders 31

## II. Status Offenders

A. Number Held 403  
 B. Proportion to All Offenders Held  
 for Quarter -  $403 \div 1,609$  (updated) 25.04  
 C. Age Distribution

1. Age	Number	Percent
10 & under	7	1.7
11	6	1.5
12	3	.7
13	28	6.9
14	101	25.1
15	137	34.0
16	121	30.0
TOTAL	403	99.9%

2. Mean Age - 14.74

## D. Sex Distribution

	Number	Percent
1. Male	175	43.4
2. Female	228	56.6

## E. Race Distribution

	Number	Percent
1. White	341	84.6
2. Black	62	15.4

F. Detention Time Range - 15 minutes to 23 days

G. Detention Time Average - 37.14 hours



## H. Detention Time Frequencies

	Time Span	Number	Percent
1.	Up to 6 hours	106	26.8
2.	Up to 12 hours	37	9.3
3.	Up to 18 hours	50	12.7
4.	Up to 24 hours	54	13.6
	SUBTOTAL	247	62.4%
5.	24 - 48 hours	78	19.7
6.	Over 48 hours	71	17.9
	SUBTOTAL	149	37.6%
	TOTAL	396	100.0%

(7 unknown)

## III. Status Offenses Distributions

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
A. Runaway	321	78.7
B. Incurrigible	50	12.3
C. Truancy	30	7.3
D. Curfew Violation	0	.0
E. Liquor Possession	6	1.5
F. Unknown	1	.2
TOTAL	<u>408</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

ANALYZATION OF DATA

The summary of data for this quarter indicates:

- (1) Thirty-one (31) of the 46 counties detained status offenders this quarter. In total numbers detained, Richland ranked first with almost 17% of the total status offenders followed by Horry with 11%. It is notable that Charleston, which had previously consistently ranked high in status offender detention during the earlier half of the year, only detained one (1) youth as a result of new court policies eliminating this practice in most cases.
- (2) A total of 403 status offenders were detained this quarter or 25.04% of all offenders (1,609) confined in jail. This proportion of status offenders held reveals a slight increase of almost 2% over the previous quarter even though it represents about a 7% decrease in gross numbers (433-Quarter III). Compared to the same time frame for 1976, however, this proportion to all offenders is 2% lower, while the decline in gross numbers is over 20%. On the year summary for 1977, 2,088 status offenders have been reported to have been confined or 27.2% of all offenders as compared to the approximate same proportion (27.7%) for 1976.



It must be emphasized that only offenders with a clear charge of status offense are recorded. Therefore, additional offenders of multiple criminal and status offenses or questionable charges such as "delinquency," "hold for R&E," "hold for the judge" are not counted in these distributions. Hence, it is apparent that the proportionate figures of status offenders are at best a conservative estimate with undoubtedly at least some of the unknown being also uncounted status offenders.

- (3) The age distribution varied somewhat during this quarter as compared to last quarter's figures with a 9% higher proportion of older youths being detained (89.1% were age 14-16). The average for the year indicates 58.3% were ages 15 and 16 or a similar proportion as 1976 (58.4%). In comparison with figures noted on total jail detention, it is apparent that for this quarter of 1977, there are only 3% less status offenders in the 15 and 16 year age groups as compared to total detention, while the 13 and 14 year age groups reflect a 6% higher rate. The mean age (14.74) increased .15% over last quarter. The average age for total detention this quarter was 14.78.
- (4) The sex distribution for Quarter IV, 1977 indicates an approximate proportion of 43% males and 57% females, revealing a further one percent (1%) decrease in the male rate from the previous quarter and an identical proportion as the same quarter in 1976. The figures for the year indicate a 3% decrease in the male rate when compared to the same time frame for last year (45.2%-48.2%). Compared to total juvenile detention for this quarter, female status offenders are confined about twice as often (56.1% as compared to 28%).
- (5) The race distribution reflects an approximate 85% white and 15% black proportion for Quarter IV, 1977. These figures reveal a somewhat increased white proportion for this quarter as compared to the previous quarter as well as for most other quarters recorded. In comparison to total detention, where the proportion has remained fairly consistent of 65% white and 35% black, it is apparent that there is an increased rate of about 15% for white status offenders.
- (6) The detention time range for Quarter IV, 1977 of 15 minutes to 23 days exhibits a lengthened time span from the previous quarter, but consistent with most other quarters.
- (7) The detention time average for Quarter IV, 1977 was 37.14 hours, reflecting a 5 hour increase in average detention time for the state as a whole as compared to last quarter's time of 32.14. This still represents a significant decrease over any time period last year and when comparing 1977 total year (37.9) to that of last year (46.5), it indicates a 9 hour decrease in average detention time. However, a sizeable increase in the detention time average was noted for total detention



this quarter (47.3 hours) reversing the previous decline in time for the other quarters of 1977. For Quarter IV, 1977 only the following 6 counties recorded detention time averages for status offenders over 48 hours:

Beaufort	56.26	Lexington	61.14
Berkeley	69.16	Marion	62.41
Darlington	70.33	Marlboro	49.45

However, these counties only account for 96 or 24% of status offenders for whom times were recorded.

- (8) The detention time frequencies indicate that approximately 62.3% of the status offenders were held under 24 hours and 37.6% over 24 hours. Although these figures reflect a 4% increase over the previous quarter in the proportion of status offenders held over 24 hours, it reflects a significant decrease in proportion from all other quarters of both years recorded. The total year of 1977 indicates that 39.4% of the status offenders were held over 24 hours as compared to 44% for 1976 or almost 5% decline. Comparing only those held over 48 hours, the 18% proportion for Quarter IV, 1977 reflects a 1.5% increase over the 16.4% figure for the previous quarter as well as a 9% decrease from Quarter IV, 1976 (26.8%). The 1977 year figures indicate that only 442 or 21.5% of status offenders were held over 48 hours as compared to 28.1% for 1976. Total juvenile jail detention for Quarter IV, 1977 reflects a similar pattern to that of status offenders in that 37.7% were held over 24 hours with 23% being held over 48 hours. For the year 1977, 36% of total youth reported in detention were held over 24 hours.
- (9) The distribution of status offenses reported for Quarter IV, 1977 reflects a higher proportion of runaways (78.7%) as compared to the previous quarter (68.9%), with Quarter IV, 1976 indicating an approximate 71.3% rate. Therefore, the runaway proportion for 1977 (70.4%) has decreased about 1% from last year.



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Quarter IV 1977

County	9& Un	AGE								RACE & SEX				Ru	No. Offenses				Tot.	Average	Range	DETENTION TIME (HOURS) (unless otherwise designated)							Total
		10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Tot.	W/M	W/F	B/M	B/F		In	Tr	CV	PL				Up to 6	12	18	24	24- 48	over 48		
Abbeville	None	Detained																											
Aiken	0	0	0	0	2	6	4	1	13	4	8	0	1	11	2	0	0	0	13	33.97	2.2-6.7days	1	1	5	1	3	2	13	
Allendale	None	Detained																											
Anderson	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	4	13	4	9	0	0	8	2	3	0	0	13	31.07	4-96	5	0	0	2	5	1	13	
Bamberg	None	Detained																											
Barnwell	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	1	6	2	4	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	6	27.7	17.5-48	0	0	4	0	2	0	6	
Beaufort	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	5	0	2	1	2	5	0	0	0	0	5	56.26	27.8-98.9	0	0	0	0	3	2	5	
Berkeley	0	0	0	0	5	8	7	7	27	6	21	0	0	22	2	3	0	0	27	69.16	4-16 days	7	0	0	4	4	12	27	
Calhoun	See Orangeburg-Calhoun																												
Charleston	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	45.3	45.3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	
Cherokee	None	Detained																											
Chester	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	1	9	5	4	0	0	8	1	0	0	0	9	17.33	4-24	3	0	0	6	0	0	9	
Chesterfield	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	6	3	3	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	7*	28.9	14.5-64	0	0	3	1	1	1	6	
Clarendon	None	Detained																											
Colleton	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	4	2	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	11.61	11.61	0	1	0	0	0	0	1 (3unk)	
Darlington	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	5	13	5	6	1	1	4	9	0	0	0	13	70.33	1.67-11.3days	2	2	0	1	4	4	13	
Dillon	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	19.46	15.4-23.5	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	
Dorchester	0	0	0	0	0	7	10	7	24	13	11	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	24	43.5	4-120	9	0	0	4	2	9	24	
Edgefield	Never	Detained																											
Fairfield	None	Detained																											
Florence	0	0	0	1	1	7	6	4	19	7	11	0	1	18	1	0	0	0	19	35.8	2.67-98	4	4	3	0	4	4	19	
Georgetown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	20.2	20-20.34	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	
Greenville	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	1	9	1	7	0	1	8	(1 unk)				9	27.05	1.16-107.25	5	0	0	1	1	2	9	
Greenwood	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	4	12	2	5	2	3	5	7	0	0	0	12	18.8	9.25-30.67	0	2	4	3	3	0	12	
Hampton	None	Detained																											
Horry	0	0	0	0	1	10	10	23	44	21	23	0	0	40	1	2	0	1	44	27.08	.34-141.5	13	11	5	3	5	7	44	

(3unk)



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County	9& Un	AGE								RACE & SEX				Ru	No. Offenses				Tot.	Average	Range	DETENTION TIME (HOURS) (unless otherwise designated)							Total
		10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Tot.	W/M	W/F	B/M	B/F		In	Tr	CV	PL				Up to	24- 48	over 48					
		6	12	18	24	48	48																						
Jasper	None Detained																												
Kershaw	0	0	0	0	1	2	8	9	20	10	8	1	1	14	4	1	0	1	20	45.18	3.59-166.42	3	1	3	1	6	6	20	
Lancaster	0	0	1	0	0	3	2	1	7	3	4	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	7	32	4-72	2	0	0	2	2	1	7	
Laurens	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	13.21	3-23.42	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	
Lee	None Detained																												
Lexington	2	2	2	0	3	9	10	15	43	20	20	0	3	38	4	0	0	1	43	61.14	.55-23 days	7	1	8	9	8	10	43	
McCormick	None Detained																												
Marion	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	3	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	62.41	4-8.3 days	1	0	0	2	0	1	4	
Marlboro	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	4	0	1	0	3	3	1	0	0	0	4	49.45	48.3-50.9	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	
Newberry	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	12.5	2.5-22.5	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	
Oconee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	41	41	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	
Orangeburg	None Detained																												
Pickens	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	4	1.5-6.5	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	
Richland	0	2	1	0	8	16	25	16	68	16	20	27	5	42	6	21	0	0	69*	28.04	.25-20.3days	27	8	8	1	12	8	64	
Saluda	None Detained																												(4unk)
Spartanburg	0	0	0	1	2	6	11	4	24	7	14	1	2	23	3	0	0	0	26*	19.33	.33-65.42	7	2	4	4	6	1	24	
Sumter	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	3	7	1	4	0	2	6	0	0	0	1	7	15.47	1-46	2	1	2	1	1	0	7	
Union	0	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	6	1	3	0	2	5	2	0	0	0	7*	9.37	2.25-21.5	3	2	0	1	0	0	6	
Williamsburg	None Detained																												
York	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	4	2	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	4	14	4-24	2	0	0	2	0	0	4	
TOTAL	2	5	6	3	28	101	137	121	403	140	201	35	27	321	50 (1 unk)	30	0	6	408	37.14	.25-23 days	106	37	50	54	78	71	396 (7unk)	

\*multiple status offenses



## STATUS OFFENDERS IN JAIL DETENTION

### TOTAL YEAR SUMMARY - 1977 AND COMPARISON WITH 1976

The following brief summary incorporates data collected for the total year regarding status offenders in jail detention. As noted in the individual quarterly reports, the data is based on statistics provided to us by each reporting facility that holds juveniles and some discrepancies may exist due to reporting methodologies of each facility. However, this data can be accepted as reasonable estimates within this context and should provide an overall view of the total state situation regarding detention of status offenders during the calendar year of 1977. Only statewide data is presented here, although a year summary reflecting the individual counties will be compiled shortly.

A total of 2,088 juvenile status offenders were reported to have been detained in all facilities during 1977. This reflects those charged with only clear status offenses (runaway, incorrigibility, truancy, curfew violation, or possession of liquor) and not involving criminal or questionable charges such as "hold for court," "hold for R&E," etc. It will be noted that while the quarterly figures exhibit substantial variation, the total year figures demonstrate only a 3.3% difference. It will be noted also that although considerable variation occurred between quarters regarding the proportions of status offenders to total offenders detained, the comparison between the two total year figures reflect a similar proportion (27.9% - 1976; 27.2% - 1977). The patterns of the quarters for both 1976 and 1977 are as follows:



	<u>1976</u>		<u>1977</u>	
	Number Reported Held	Percentage Raw Change	Number Reported Held	Percentage Raw Change
Quarter I	587		541	
Quarter II	610	+ 4%	711	+31%
Quarter III	455	-25%	433	-39%
Quarter IV	507	+11%	403	- 7%
TOTAL	2159		2088	
Difference between years--3.3%				

PROPORTION OF STATUS OFFENDERS TO  
TOTAL OFFENDERS IN DETENTION

		Number Detained	Number Status Offenders	Percentage
Quarter I	1976	1853	587	31.6
Quarter II	1976	2136	610	28.5
Quarter III	1976	1883	455	24.2
Quarter IV	1976	1849	507	27.4
TOTAL YEAR	1976	7721	2159	27.9
Quarter I	1977	1981	541	27.3
Quarter II	1977	2227	711	31.9
Quarter III	1977	1872	433	23.1
Quarter IV	1977	1609	403	25.04
TOTAL YEAR	1977	7689	2088	27.2

The percentage of juveniles detained in proportion to their juvenile population ages 7-16 is also of interest. Of the total estimated 512,519 juveniles in the state in this age group, approximately .4% were held in jail as a status offender sometime this year, as well as in 1976.

The mean age has remained fairly steady throughout both 1977 and 1976 and averages 14.5 for both years. The age groupings also remain fairly consistent for both years as can be noted in the following table. Generally, for 1977, the 15- and 16-year-old age groups accounted for slightly less as compared to 1976, (57.7%-58.4%), while the 14 year olds accounted for that same percentage of increase in 1977 (23.5%-22.2%).



AGE DISTRIBUTION BY PERCENT OF TOTAL

Age	<u>1976</u>		<u>1977</u>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
10 & under	31	1.4	19	.9
11	42	2.0	32	1.5
12	94	4.4	85	4.1
13	247	11.5	256	12.3
14	475	22.2	491	23.5
15	640	29.9	618	29.6
16	610	28.5	587	28.1
TOTAL	2139*	99.9	2088	100.0 (*20 unknown)

The race distributions have been fairly consistent but the sex distributions have exhibited some patterns of change, as can be seen from the following tables.

RACE AND SEX BY PERCENT OF TOTAL

Year	<u>White/Male</u>		<u>White/Female</u>		<u>Black/Male</u>		<u>Black/Female</u>		TOTAL
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
1976	800	37.4	936	43.8	232	10.8	171	8.0	2139 *
1977	705	33.8	961	46.0	240	11.5	182	8.7	2088

\* 20 unknown

TOTAL RACETOTAL SEX

Year	<u>White</u>		<u>Black</u>		<u>Male</u>		<u>Female</u>	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1976	1736	81.2	403	18.8	1031	48.2	1108	51.8
1977	1666	79.8	422	20.2	945	45.3	1143	54.7

It is apparent from the above data that the female rate for this year period is higher than last year, reflecting an approximate 3% increase in females and indicating an almost 10% higher rate for females than males in 1977 as compared to a 3.5% higher rate in 1976. It should be noted that a 2% increase for females is apparent in considering total detention, although the male-female rate is still almost 2½ to 1. For this year, it is apparent that females who are status offenders are detained almost twice as often as those in total detention reporting.



OFFENSE CHARGED BY PERCENT OF TOTAL

Year	Runaway		Incorrigibility		Truancy		LiquorViol.&Curfew		TOTAL
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
1976	1576	71.6	391	17.8	182	8.3	51	2.3	2200
1977	1503	70.4	366	17.1	158	7.4	108	5.0	2135

As is readily apparent, the status offenses distribution is proportionally very similar for both years, with minor fluctuations. Although these are detailed offenses and not offenders, few have multiple status charges (only about 2% for both years) and hence the proportions given would be indicative of single offender distribution as well. In general, runaways comprise about 71% of all status offenders, incorrigibles 17%, truants 7-8%, and liquor & curfew violations about 4-5%. The gross figures indicate some decreases in runaways (approximately 5%), incorrigible (6%), and truancy (13%), while the liquor & curfew violations rose 111%. Significantly, the great majority of the latter were liquor violations which have also demonstrated a notable increase in the UCR records of juveniles "arrested" this year.

Detention times, although remaining fairly constant during 1976, began to exhibit a decline in the average length of stay during Quarter I, 1977 and basically continued to exhibit this trend during most of 1977, resulting in a total 1977 year decline of almost 9 hours from that of 1976.

AVERAGE HOURS - STATEWIDE

Quarter I	1976	42.99	( 587 youth)
Quarter II	1976	44.37	( 589 youth)
Quarter III	1976	51.63	( 455 youth)
Quarter IV	1976	46.47	( 507 youth)
Total Year	1976	46.03	(2138 youth)
Quarter I	1977	39.64	( 541 youth)
Quarter II	1977	40.58	( 692 youth)
Quarter III	1977	32.14	( 427 youth)
Quarter IV	1977	37.14	( 396 youth)
Total Year	1977	37.91	(2056 youth)



FREQUENCIES BY PERCENT OF TOTAL

Quarter		Under 24 Hours		Over 24 Hours	
		No.	%	No.	%
Quarter I	1976	340	57.9	247	42.1
Quarter II	1976	329	55.8	260	44.2
Quarter III	1976	247	54.3	208	45.7
Quarter IV	1976	281	55.4	226	44.6
Total Year 1976		1197	56.0	941	44.0

(2138 recorded)

FREQUENCIES BY PERCENT OF TOTAL

Quarter		Under 24 Hours		Over 24 Hours	
		No.	%	No.	%
Quarter I	1977	311	57.5	230	42.5
Quarter II	1977	403	58.3	289	41.7
Quarter III	1977	284	66.5	143	33.5
Quarter IV	1977	247	62.4	149	37.6
Total Year 1977		1245	60.6	811	39.4

(2056 recorded)

A decrease in average detention time, only when accompanied by a decline in the proportion held over 24 hours, can genuinely indicate that youth are being removed from detention more rapidly. This has been a rather consistent pattern in charting the frequencies, with a steady slow decline indicated since Quarter II, 1976. For total 1977, the frequencies do indicate a 5% decline from 1976 in those held over 24 hours. Most significantly for 1977, of the 811 youth held over 24 hours, 442 or 54.5% were held over 48 hours as contrasted to 1976 with 601 or almost 64%. Thus, almost 10% fewer children are being held over 48 hours. For 1977, this category represents only 21.5% of youth reported to be confined rather than the 28% for 1976.

While the data reflected by the total figures in this report do not appear to indicate many significant changes in some areas of the detention picture for status offenders, such as number reported held, age, race or sex, many indicators between the quarters are apparent as evidence of develop-





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ing trends whose total impact cannot yet be measured. Efforts such as in Charleston with the agreement between the court and the Youth Bureau not to hold status offenders, the new truancy no holding policy of the Columbia City Police and the jail watches and attempts at removal of status offenders from jails by volunteer groups are all indicative of positive action which in time should be reflected more fully by the data for all detention and certainly on the 25% who are status offenders. Detention time, both averages and frequencies, has definitely decreased already as reflected by a 9 hour decrease in 1977 from 1976. More significantly, the proportion of children held over 24 hours has declined 5% in a basically consistent pattern; and, particularly encouraging is that of the proportion held over 24 hours, 70 of those held over 48 hours has declined 10%. Meanwhile, the detention time average for all offenders has decreased 9 hours from last year, as well as a slight decrease in the numbers held over 24 hours.

Further details by individual counties concerning all areas in this report may be noted by referring to individual quarterly reports which have now been updated through all of 1977.

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